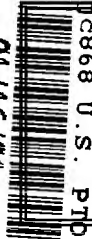


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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

**Box Patent Application**

**Washington, D.C. 20231**

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

## COMPOSITES USEFUL AS FENCE AND DECKING COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING SAME

and invented by:

**HUGHES ET AL**

If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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Enclosed are **Application Elements**:

- ☒ Filing Fee
- ☒ Specification having 24 page(s) and including the following:
  - ☒ Title of the Invention
  - ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - ☒ Background of the Invention
  - ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - ☒ Detailed Description
  - ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ 4 Drawings (formal)
- ☒ Oath or Declaration ☒ Executed ☐ Unexecuted
  - ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☒ Power of Attorney ☒ Executed ☐ Unexecuted
  - ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference -- The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under the above entry, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)

### Accompanying Application Parts

- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheets & documents(s))
  - ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
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- [X] Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 [x] Copies of IDS Cited Reference(s)  
 [] Preliminary Amendment  
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 [] Verified Statement(s) to Establish Small Entity Status Under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27  
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 [x] Application Data Sheet  
 [x] Request for Non-Publication of Application Under 37 CFR 1.213(a).

#### Fee Calculation and Transmittal

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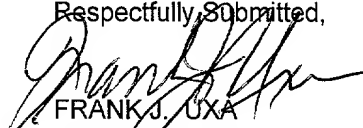
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Independent Claims	4	- 3 =	1	X \$80.00	\$ 80.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) [ ]					\$ 0.00
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6. Information Disclosure Statement;
7. PTO 1449 and cited references; and
8. Request for Non-Publication of Application.

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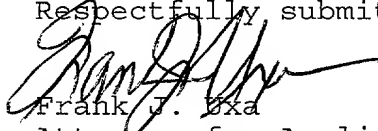
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the above-identified application, filed concurrently herewith, **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 USC 122(b). In making this request, applicant certifies that the invention disclosed in the application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at 18 months after filing.

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